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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
ATTN: Chief of Geographic Research

SUBJECT: Geographic Research on the Caribbean (U)

1. (U) Reference is made to your memorandum, subject as above, dated 20 November 1959.
2. (C) This office is planning the early preparation of a series of area analyses on Central America, Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic in collaboration with Engineer, Transportation and Signal Intelligence Agencies. These analyses will be published to meet urgent requirements for this type of intelligence which have arisen in the past four (4) months from Army Field Commands and the Intelligence Community. They will give complete coverage over those matters for which concern was expressed in your memorandum.
3. (U) When final production dates for these analyses are established, your office will be informed.
4. (U) Since quite often more than one (1) Army Technical Service Intelligence Agency is involved in projects of this nature, it is requested that your office discuss its requirements for this type of Army Intelligence support with appropriate representatives from Technical Division, OACSI, prior to initiating discussion with any of these Technical Service Intelligence Agencies.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. Davis", is written over the typed name.

JOHN J. DAVIS
Brigadier General, GS
Director of Foreign Intelligence

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Outline for
Area Analysis Studies of Central America

*I. Introduction

- a. Purpose and scope
- b. Credits

II. Military Geography

- a. Location, size and shape
- b. Climate
- c. Coasts and landing beaches
- d. Military geographic regional analysis of dominant geographic elements -
to include text and map presentation of:
 - 1. Relief
 - 2. Drainage
 - 3. Vegetation
 - 4. Water resources - ground and surface
 - 5. Surface materials and their engineering characteristics
 - 6. Suitability for airborne operations
 - 7. Suitability for road and airfield construction
 - 8. Cross country movement
- e. Urban areas
- f. Strategic areas, approaches and internal routes

III. Transportation and telecommunications

- a. Introduction
- b. Railway
- c. Highway
- d. Inland waterway
- e. Ports and naval facilities
- f. Telecommunications
- g. Airfields - internal and key external

IV. Sociology

- a. Introduction
- b. Population and Ethnology
- c. Health and Sanitation
- d. Religion
- e. References

V. Map and Photo Coverage

- a. Topographic coverage indexed by scale with evaluation and availability statements
- b. Urban areas - large scale city map coverage
- c. Aerial photo coverage - index, evaluation, and availability